

TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL.

Tomorrow Delegates From Every State and Territory

Will Be Called Together to Nominate a President.

TAFT MEN CONFIDENT.

The Allies Are Still Putting Up a Bold Front.

Senator Burrows of Michigan to Make "Keynote" Speech.

MAY LAST FIVE DAYS.

Contests Are Expected to Cause Considerable Delay.

Vice Presidency and Platform Subject of Much Discussion.

Chicago, June 15.—The convention to name a new Republican candidate for president of the United States is at hand. The gathering in the big ballroom on Wabash avenue—made up of representatives from every state and territory in the union as well as the more recently acquired island possessions—will be called to order tomorrow at noon by Harry S. New, chairman of the Republican national committee who will introduce Senator Julius Caesar Burrows of Michigan, as temporary chairman. In assuming the gavel during the temporary period of the convention's existence, Senator Burrows will make an extended speech designed to embody the keynote of the coming notable campaign and to proclaim the principles and achievements of the Republican party during its many years of existence. When his speech has been finished, Senator Burrows will announce the important committees, including that on credentials and the convention will adjourn until such time as the latter committee is ready to report.

There is considerable discussion as to the length of the convention, some of the leaders holding to the original estimate of five days in which to conclude all of the work to come before the delegates and others more optimistic declaring that three days should see the end of all deliberations and the departure of the representatives for home. It is thought that the credentials committee will not be able to announce the permanent roll call before Thursday at the very earliest, and if the "allies" opposed to Secretary Taft insist upon their announced determination in presenting at least 150 of the original 229 contested delegate cases to the committee there is likelihood that permanent organization may be deferred until Friday, the 19th. So far as possible the contests will be passed upon in bulk, as was found expeditious in the national committee and the credentials committee will sit until late Tuesday and Wednesday nights to complete its labors.

Just as soon as the permanent list of delegates is concluded, nominations for president will be in order. The managers of the Taft campaign profess to have not the slightest doubt as to the result of the first ballot and declare they are much gratified by the action of the credentials committee upon the contested delegations.

"Allies" Still Brave.

The "allies," however, continue to maintain a bold front, and declare that not until the first ballot is ended, will they admit defeat.

The second day of the convention period, Wednesday the 17th, will be given over as usual, to parades of the visiting delegates and marching clubs. This is intended to make interesting the idle hours for most of the delegates while the credentials committee is passing upon the merits of contested cases and drawing up its roster. The failure of a number of the old time Republican marching clubs to come on to the present convention is a disappointment to the patriotic and excitement in national political gatherings. Additional clubs and delegates arriving today have given a somewhat belated aspect of gaiety to the convention city. A full contingent of citizens, merchants and householders to decorate in honor of the Republican visitors has resulted in the display of many additional flags and with the formal opening and thronging of state headquarters, there was every indication today that the time of assembling of the history-making occasion had arrived.

Practically all of the state delegations are to hold caucuses today to name their representatives on various convention committees including the drafting of platform, rules and order of business, permanent organization, resolutions, vice president, to notify presidential and vice presidential candidates, to choose a member of the national committee and to select a chairman and secretary of each delegation. Tentative selections already have been made by many of the states, but these are to be ratified today after the delegates had arrived on the ground and had taken account of all the existing conditions.

Platform Building.

Platform building and the welding of opinion as to the most available of the vice presidential candidates to be put in nomination for selection by the votes of the delegates in open convention also are occupying the directing influences of the various state delegations today. The situation as to the vice presidency continues quite remarkable in its aspects of complete uncertainty and the lack of definite information or decision, is serving to encourage the managers of the various candidates that have been openly advanced or widely intimated. Senator Dolliver of Iowa, Representative Jas. S. Sherman of New York, Vice President Fairbanks and former Governor Franklin Murphy of New Jersey, continue to be the more generally discussed vice presidency possibilities. There still remains an undercurrent of opinion that an attempt will be made to

nominate Governor Charles H. Hughes of New York for second place on the ticket with Taft, but it is also generally understood that General Stewart Woodford, spokesman for the Governor, who will nominate the executive of the Empire state for the presidency, is prepared to announce that under no circumstances will Governor Hughes accept the nomination or qualify for office in the event of election.

The proposed anti-injunction and tariff revision plank in the platform that state adopted by the convention continue to attract attention and discussion among the party leaders and are said to be the only points upon which any issue may be raised. Speaker Cannon, one of the candidates for the presidential nomination, came hurriedly to the city from his home in Danville, Ill., late last night and today is scheduled for a conference with Senator Hopkins of Illinois, who is slated for chairman of the resolutions or the platform committee. It is expected that they will discuss the plan for organizing the convention. Mr. Cannon is said to be opposed to the anti-injunction plank in the form generally accepted as drafted. As to the tariff revision, Mr. Cannon has already had important conferences since his arrival with Representatives Payne of New York and Dabell of Pennsylvania, two of his most important lieutenants in the lower house of congress.

No Roosevelt Letter.

Rumors that Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who is to be the permanent chairman of the convention, is in possession of a letter from President Roosevelt, intended as a dinner upon any "third term" nomination that may be attempted are definitely denied by Senator Lodge himself. The report is believed to have grown out of the fact that President Roosevelt wrote a letter some little time ago to United States Judge Dayton of West Virginia, when it was intimated that Delegates C. F. Teter and George W. Curtin of that state intended to disregard of their instructions for Secretary Taft and a bolt to Roosevelt. The writing of this letter was referred to at the time in Associated Press dispatches and it is said that several copies are in Chicago, one being in the possession of Senator Lodge. It is generally believed that the letter will not be read in convention as suggested, for it is thought by the president and the leaders here that the occasion for its use will not arise. While it is said the letter does not contain a definite repudiation of President Roosevelt's refusal to be a candidate to succeed himself, it is a strong expression of his feeling that the violation of instructions on the part of delegates would be highly improper and contains the statement that no friend of his would further any movement in favor of a third term.

The Blaine club of Cincinnati, 300 strong, arrived this morning and aroused no little enthusiasm as they marched from the city to the hotel. Mr. Charles P. Taft met them and joined in the parade.

The club members made a spectacular appearance in white suits, hats, black cutaway coats, red ties, red carnations, gray trousers and gold-headed canes. The marching was of the "blue" type, as far as displayed by any of the political clubs.

The club paraded up and down Michigan avenue and then returned to their hotel for breakfast. Later in the day the club headed a parade of the "white hatters" as they were soon called, while their salute of pounding the floor with their canes when ever Ohio's favorite candidate was mentioned sounded like sublimed practice on a battleship.

THIRD TERM BOOMERS.

Roosevelt Stampede Being Planned by a Number of Delegates to Chicago.

Chicago, June 15.—A small meeting, which its participants declare will be held last night for the purpose of arranging a plan to present the name of President Roosevelt as a candidate for the presidency.

Those present at the meeting were ex-representative Thomas W. Phillips, a delegate from the Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania district; C. F. Teter, a delegate at large; and George W. Curtin, a delegate from the Fourth district of West Virginia. There were present beside these a number of men who will not actually participate in the convention.

It was stated that on the arrival of the Georgia and West Virginia delegations a complete campaign will be arranged. One of the Georgia delegates it is said, will bring with him a petition bearing between 60,000 and 70,000 signatures from men in the state urging that President Roosevelt accept a second elective term.

The entire move is said by the men actively participating to be favored by the "allies" who believe that no nomination will be made on the first ballot. Delegates Teter and Curtin have been instructed for Taft but both of them have frequently expressed the intention of bolting their instructions. President Roosevelt designed to meet the exact situation they are planning to bring about. They declared that they realized that the reading of the letter "might be prevented" although just as to how this is to be done they were not exactly clear.

NEW YORKERS HARMONIOUS.

All the Wrinkles in the Delegation Have Been Ironed Out.

Chicago, June 15.—Absolute harmony, so far as surface indications went characterized the New York delegation. For the first time in modern politics in that state, however, Thomas C. Platt was not in attendance, his place being taken by Senator J. P. Aldre of Norwich. Senator Chauncey M. Depew was chosen as the state's representative in the list of honorary vice presidents. The conflict which arose yesterday over the membership on the committee on resolutions between Representative Seno E. Payne and Representative Herbert Parsons, had been settled overnight and Mr. Parsons himself presented Mr. Payne's name for the place. State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff was made chairman of the delegation.

A resolution was adopted unanimously requesting General Stewart L. Woodruff to present the name of Governor Hughes as the choice of the state for president. There was no mention of the vice presidency.

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WATERGOESDOWN

North Topeka People Again Returning to Homes.

Last High Water Did Little Damage South of Gordon.

FASTLEAVINGSTREETS

Grocery Stores and Meat Markets Open.

Union Pacific Has a Large Force of Men at Work

Trying to Stop the Break Through the Roadbed.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the government river gauge recorded 21.8 feet indicating a fall of 1.1 feet since the reading was taken at 8 o'clock this morning. The rate of the fall has increased materially since the reading was taken at 8 o'clock. At that time the rate of fall was approximately an inch an hour.

At 2 o'clock the rate of fall had increased to almost two inches an hour and the indications are favorable for a greater increase during the evening and night. The reading taken at 2 o'clock indicates a fall of 3.5 feet since the crest of the flood reached Topeka Saturday afternoon.

"The reading at 2 o'clock this afternoon is most encouraging," said Assistant Weather Observer Flora. "Everything is in ship shape and no further danger of a rise need be anticipated unless heavy rains should fall up the valley of the Kaw. The rate of fall has increased from an inch to two inches and this is more than we really anticipated and we feel sure that this rate will be increased during the afternoon and tonight."

"The fall since morning places the river safely inside its banks even at the low places in the vicinity of Topeka and the water will soon drain out of the low districts of North Topeka. We anticipate a steady fall until the stream reaches its normal stage, barring, of course, the possibility of rains which would change our calculations. The conditions at the present time are the most hopeful that we have had since the high waters began to threaten the city."

Assistant Observer Flora also said: "The stubbornness of the fall is accounted for in several ways. The Missouri river is above flood stage and this retards the waters of the Kaw from emptying. The ground west of here is water soaked so that it can not care for the rains which fall even though light."

"The streams which drain the watershed of the Kaw are at or near the flood stage and these waters emptying into the Kaw retard the fall of the stream at this point. We expect the fall to be slow for some time, though the waters will in all probability recede much more rapidly tonight than through the day. The conditions are most favorable at the present time for a continued fall in the Kaw until the danger point is passed. There is not the least bit of danger of another flood stage unless unusually heavy rains fall along the valleys of the streams which empty into the Kaw west of Topeka."

Comparative River Gauge Readings.

Saturday, 3 p. m.	24.8.
Saturday, 8 p. m.	24.7.
Saturday, midnight	24.4.
Sunday, 3 a. m.	24.3.
" 8 a. m.	24.1.
" noon	24.
" 3 p. m.	23.8.
" 8 p. m.	23.6.
" midnight	23.3.
Monday, 3 a. m.	23.
" 8 a. m.	22.4.
" 2 p. m.	21.3.

The crest of the second rise of the Kaw river reached Topeka a few minutes after noon Saturday though it

was not recognized as such at the time. The government river gauge recorded 24.8 feet of water at that time and at 8 o'clock this morning the gauge recorded 22.4 feet, making the fall from the high point reached Saturday noon of 2.4 feet at 8 o'clock today.

The rise was steady, there being no flood waves or high crests and the fall has likewise been slow but steady since the crest of the rise passed Topeka Saturday noon. For four hours after the crest of the rise reached this city Saturday the waters remained almost stationary. Slowly and stubbornly they then began to recede and the process has continued since.

Weather Observer Jennings said Sunday morning the fact that the river had not risen higher than it did Saturday night was because it had broken through the banks at the Updegraff farm and spread out over the bottoms at that point and elsewhere, thus relieving the channel and keeping the flood down below a higher mark.

Soldier creek left its banks Saturday and flowed down the old channel past Mencksen through the Toward farm to the Kansas river. This somewhat relieved the situation in North Topeka, as it made an outlet for the flood water and kept it from flowing into the town.

This morning's river gauge reading indicates that the Kaw is yet out of its banks at this point and flooding to the depth of 9 of a foot and at the present rate it is falling will not be entirely within its banks until late this afternoon, perhaps five o'clock. At the present time the fall is about an inch an hour, considerably greater than it has averaged since the highest point was reached Saturday. During the 44 hours from Saturday noon until Monday morning at 8 o'clock the fall has been 23 inches or but little more than half an inch each hour.

Reports received this morning from the streams west of the city which empty into the Kaw or its tributaries indicate that all danger of a rise for the time being is past.

The sudden rise which occurred at Topeka Saturday is attributed to the heavy rains which fell immediately west of the city, the waters being carried into the Kaw by numerous small creeks. The rains which fell farther west of the city along the Smoky Hill, Republican, Big Blue, Solomon and Saline rivers had nothing to do with this rise and their flood waters are now passing Topeka.

Reports from the watershed district which is drained by these streams indicates that all of them are falling slowly which necessarily means that the fall in the Kaw at this point will be much greater 24 hours from now than it is at the present time. The reports received by the weather bureau and railroads indicate the most favorable conditions west of Topeka.

People Going Back.

Kansas avenue over in North Topeka was more quiet this morning than any time in the past ten days. There were less people on the streets, fewer vehicles and little business activity. Still, all the grocery stores had resumed business, and the meat markets had begun to open their doors. The flood of Saturday did no damage at all south of Gordon street except in the residence districts on Laurent street. The people came back to their homes and the city was all well and happy. There was not the rush and enthusiasm that marked the resumption last Wednesday. The return of the second flood was too sudden; the river is standing at too high a stage for that.

On Kansas avenue the water had receded past Fairchild street at 2 o'clock this afternoon and was falling steadily. At noon Saturday the water was running several inches deep through the fire station.

There were few despondent people in North Topeka today. Most of them will move back as soon as possible. They are grimly determined to fight it out with the flood. They feel sure that steps will be taken at once to begin the construction of levees of a height and strength to keep such a flood as the one of last week clear out of the town.

"Now is the time to keep up courage, if there ever was a time," said a merchant today. "We ought to be thankful that the flood of Saturday did not do the damage it threatened. I am doing business today and have my goods moved back even though the river is bank high and one hard rain will run it over again."

While all the meat shops, groceries and restaurants were doing business as usual today, the dry goods and furniture stores were more cautious about rearranging their stocks of goods.

At noon Saturday the people of North Topeka were expecting a worse flood than that of Tuesday. As far south as Railroad street the merchants had boarded up their front windows. While some were discouraged this morning, most of them were thankful that the flood had not reached them the last time. As soon as the river goes down a few feet they will move back and resume business. The back water in the east part of town has run out this time and nearly all of it did last Wednesday. The residence district north of Gordon street was covered with water from a depth of six inches to two feet this morning, but there was no current to speak of. Hacks and wagons were busy today carrying people back to their homes. The flood did not enter nearly so many houses Saturday as it

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WORST IS OVER.

The Flood at Kansas City Has Reached Its Crest.

Has Done All the Damage That It Can Do.

VACATE ARMOURDALE

All Her 12,000 Inhabitants Have Moved Out.

Water Is Running 12 Feet Deep in the Streets.

Kansas City, Mo., June 15.—Flood conditions are more serious in Kansas City today than they have yet been since the present rise of the Kaw and Missouri rivers, but both rivers became stationary at 8 o'clock this morning and it is believed the waters will begin to recede in about 24 hours. No heavy rains have fallen in this territory since Saturday and although weather conditions are still unsettled there is no immediate prospects of further precipitation.

When the rivers became stationary this morning the Kaw registered a stage of 29.6 feet while the gauge of the Missouri was 30.2 feet. The Mis-

souri is holding back the waters of the Kaw and forming one vast lake in the district comprised by Armourdale, Kan., and the wholesale district in the west bottoms of Kansas City, Mo. The Kaw would be falling rapidly here were it not for the stage of the Missouri and until the crest of the Missouri from the north reaches here the fall of the Kaw will be neutralized and the waters remain stationary in the flooded districts. The Kaw river is falling at Topeka, and other points west and most of the Kaw tributaries are assuming their normal stages and reports from Missouri river points to the north indicate that the waters are receding slowly in flooded districts.

The Union station is still above the flood level although on Union avenue alongside the depot baggage rooms the water is more than a foot deep. There is two feet in front of the Blossom house, the most pretentious hotel in that district, and the railroad tracks on the west approaches of the Union station are under water. The last trains to come into this station from the west came through water almost up to the firebox of the engines and the most primitive methods of signaling was employed to facilitate their slow progress through the water. Men waded ahead of the engines and re-

prised, but were unmoved by it, and Chairman Perkins of the Iowa delegation expressed the opinion that Iowa would oppose Mr. Dolliver's selection even in face of the president's preference for him.

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SUNSHINE ONCE MORE.

The sun has been shining bright and warm all day and the overhead indications are not suggestive of the flood condition of the eastern portion of the state. Neither do the conditions today suggest the fulfillment of the government weather prediction of "showers" tonight and Tuesday, but in the past few weeks, at least the forecast has been more reliable than overhead indications.

The bulletin issued by the weather bureau today covering a period of 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning indicates that the rain period during this time was very limited. Three of the 15 stations reported a trace of rain. Two hundredths of an inch fell at Concordia and four hundredths at Dresden, no rain fell at any of the remaining stations though the conditions were cloudy at the time the bulletin was filed this morning. The following are the temperatures as recorded since 7 o'clock this morning:

7 o'clock	58	11 o'clock	66
8 o'clock	58	12 o'clock	68
9 o'clock	61	1 o'clock	69
10 o'clock	67	2 o'clock	71

Weather Indications.

Chicago, June 15.—Forecast for Kansas: Showers tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature.

TAKE CUMMINS.

President Roosevelt Prefers an Iowa Man for Second Place.

Either Senator Dolliver or the Governor Will Do.

TAFT WILL KEEP OUT.

His Friends Say That He Will Take No Part

In the Selection of a Candidate for Vice President.

Washington, June 15.—It was stated at the White House today that the administration prefers either Senator Dolliver or Governor Cummins, of Iowa, for the nomination for the vice presidency.

Dolliver Men Surprised.

Chicago, June 15.—A new turn was given to the vice presidential speculation shortly after noon today when an intimation was received from Washington that the president desired the nomination of either Senator Dolliver or Governor Cummins. The Iowa friends of the senator were greatly sur-

prised, but were unmoved by it, and Chairman Perkins of the Iowa delegation expressed the opinion that Iowa would oppose Mr. Dolliver's selection even in face of the president's preference for him.

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BRYAN HAS ENOUGH.

He Claims 697 Delegates to Denver Convention.

Lincoln, Neb., June 15.—At Mr. Bryan's office it is announced that the Democratic national convention at Denver are pledged to vote for W. J. Bryan for president. This is 25 more than the necessary two-thirds.

What Several Emperors Said.

The following expressions from citizens of Emporia following the meeting shown the impression made by Senator Long's speech:

Capt. C. R. Stone, a leading veteran: "I haven't seen any but Long since this meeting. It was a complete answer to his enemies and should insure his re-election, if there was any doubt before."

L. L. Halleck, vice president Citizens' National bank: "I went to the meeting with Long under a cloud in my own mind, but his answer was so complete and his position so fair that I am very proud of such a senator, and will be for him with all my heart."

Fred C. Newman, president of the Citizens' National bank: "Senator Long's answer was clear and satisfactory. He not only disproved the charges, but he showed the ability which Kansas ought to keep in the senate."

H. O. Frantz, merchant: "The speech made at least 500 votes for Long. He surely turned the table on his enemies, put them on the run, and they won't sleep for a long while."

J. C. Bennette, insurance: "Every body is delighted with Long as a speaker and believes in his record. Long has lacked acquaintance here, but he has made a townful of friends."

Robert L. Jones, real estate: "Somebody worked 'Bill' White in getting him to print those charges. Long answered 'em all right."

Mr. Halleck, quoted above, said later: "I have met a dozen men who were for Bristow, but are for Long."

ECHOES OF LONG.

What the Papers and People Are Saying

About the Long-White-Bristow Campaign Episode.

WHAT MR. WHITE SAYS

The Atchison Globe Man and Wichita Eagle Comment.

Interesting Extracts and Interviews About the Incident.

The papers of course are full of Senator Long's opening campaign speech at Emporia last week and the skinning the senator gave William Allen White, the literary genius of Kansas, and the alleged manager of the Bristow campaign for the Republican nomination for the United States senate against the present incumbent.

Here is what White himself said in the Emporia Gazette the next day—that is the part the State Journal has not yet printed for this paper published in its issue of the day following the evening of Long's speech, what was telegraphed to Topeka (that stuff costs about \$30 telegraph tolls over the Western Union, but White gets ten cents a word for much of his copy and when one can get it for two-thirds of a cent a word, the telegraphic press rate, it is a bargain in new literature by William Allen White.)

Most of these clippings, to be sure, give the impression that Long made a favorable impression at Emporia and that White got "skinned." Well, that's what White said himself and the State Journal has also been trying to find expressions that were the other way and has found some, but not as many as of the other kind. If Mr. White or Mr. Bristow will help us in the search we will later print a few more than are given below:

White's Local Story.

[From White in Emporia Gazette, June 11, 1908.]

"GAZETTE SKINNED ALIVE."

"EDITOR PEELED AND BATHED IN SALT BY LONG."

"Roman Holiday for the fellows who like a Freshening, and Great Dishes for the Democrats—A Felicitous Occasion."

"The handsomest audience that ever assembled in the Whitley opera house for a political meet, greeted Senator Long last night, to hear him peel the lining off the editor of the Gazette. Great credit is due to I. E. Lambert for the success of the meeting. He showed that he knows how to get to the Emporia people, and the fact that he managed the meeting last night, is a evidence of the respect and esteem which Emporia people have in him."

"A neat introductory speech was made by Oscar Belfield—one of the happiest speeches of his kind ever made in town—and then Senator Long began. He made a most effective appeal to the editor of the Gazette, who sat by and enjoyed it as much as the senator seemed to. It was a felicitous occasion, in which everyone seems entirely satisfied."

White's Editorial June 11.

[From the Emporia Gazette.]

"A PERSONAL WORD."

"The editor of this paper is not a candidate for office and never expects to be. He is trying with all earnestness to fight those forces that organize moneyed interests for the purpose of selling political power to those forces of predatory wealth that prey upon the weak and unorganized members of society. Sometimes he has to say the things that hurt those in high places, and they must hit back."

"It's all right. It's part of the game—give and take, and it all comes in a lifetime."

"So don't waste any sympathy on the fat old rascal who runs this paper. He is amply able to take care of himself, but he was not prepared to defend himself against any insinuations or charges made in this senatorial campaign against him."

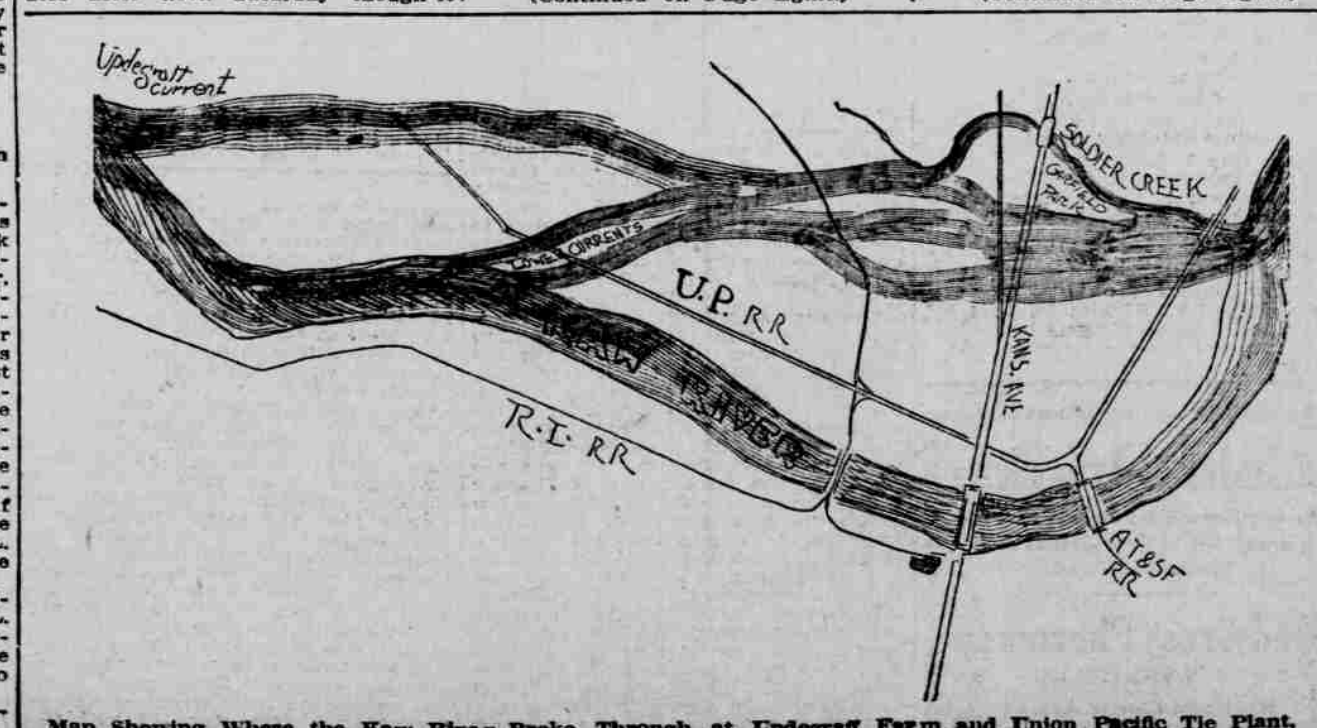
"He is not an issue. The issues are clear as day in the contest between the honest, conscientious man who works hard in his shop, in his office, on his farm and in his profession, and the man who takes no pride in his work, but who fattens off society, giving society no adequate return. That is all there is in this fight. And in that fight the Gazette will smash hard and not wince when they smash back."

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Map Showing Where the Kaw River Broke Through at Updegraff Farm and Union Pacific Plant.